

# 2020-2021

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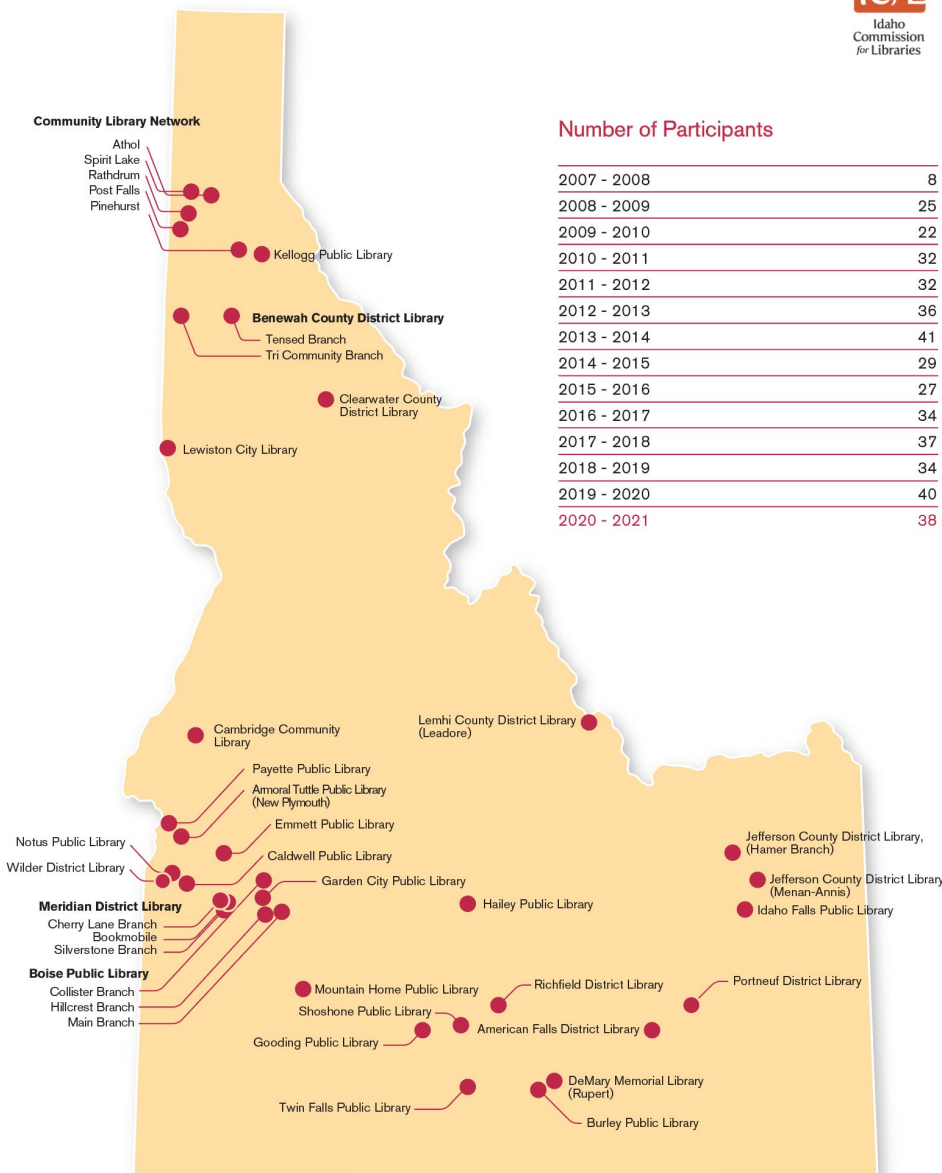
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## MY FIRST BOOKS SITES

2020-2021



## Helpful Contacts:

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### My First Books Resources

[libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/my-first-books/](http://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/my-first-books/)  
(Under Resources for MFB Participants)

### Abbreviations:

**MFB** (My First Books)

**ICfL** (Idaho Commission for Libraries)

**CP** (Community Partner)

# August 2020

## Helpful Links

**Author pronunciations:**  
www.teachingbooks.net

**Book jackets:**  
www.librarything.com

**Data and statistics:**  
www.idahovoices.org/  
research/kids-count

**Early literacy resources:**

**Read to Me:**  
libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/  
read-to-me-resources

**DayByDayID.org**

**Saroj Ghoting**  
www.earlylit.net

**Jean Warren:**  
www.preschoolexpress.com

**Songs, rhymes, fingerplays  
videos:**

www.youtube.com/Birth2Six  
www.storyblocks.org  
www.thelearninggroove.com  
www.jbrary.com  
www.spanishplayground.net

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<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Attend a MFB training session (8/19 or 8/25), or watch the archive of the 8/19 archived session. Call or email your community partner (CP) and set up a meeting for August or early September. Use the Distribution Planning form to work through the details of your monthly storytime visits, and be sure to discuss the items on the Covid Handout. All MFB training materials and handouts can be found on the My First Books website: <a href="https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/my-first-books/">https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/my-first-books/</a>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 12-1 pm MST MFB training for returning library staff (via Zoom)	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25 10-12:30 pm MST MFB training for new library staff (via Zoom)	26	27	28	29

# September 2020

## Helpful Hints

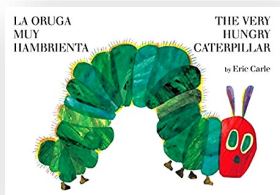
☒ Meet with your CP to discuss distribution dates/times and contingency plans to address health and safety measures due to the pandemic. Bring this calendar and the MFB Distribution Planning Sheet. —Address how you and your CP will inform parents about participation in MFB this year. —Confirm enrollment numbers for each age group and send updated numbers to Kristina via JotForm.

☒ Be sure to utilize the resources provided for Spanish-speaking families: Intro letter in Spanish; Bookworms in Spanish; Spanish translation of books. If you want Bookworms printed each month let us know!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Library Card Sign Up Month</b> <b>Hispanic Heritage Month</b> (Sept. 15—Oct. 15) <b>Banned Books Week:</b> Sept. 27—Oct. 3		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Labor Day— ICfL Closed</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Grandparent's Day</i>	14	15 <i>-Summer Reading Report due</i> <i>-MFB Enrollment numbers due</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>International Day of Peace</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>20th Library of Congress National Book Festival (Virtual event)</i> <i>Native American Day</i>	26
27 <i>National Book Festival (cont'd)</i>	28 <i>Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference (Virtual event—Sept. 28—Oct. 2)</i>	29	30	Look for <b>Idaho Family Reading Week 2020</b> postcard in the mail the first of this month. FRW is Nov 9-15, but events can be any day in November. Register at: <a href="https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/idaho-family-reading-week/">https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/idaho-family-reading-week/</a>		

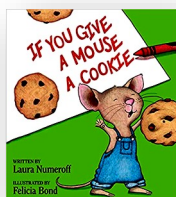
# Timeless Favorites

## Birth-2



*The Very Hungry Caterpillar/  
La oruga muy hambrienta,*  
by Eric Carle

## Preschool



*If You Give a  
Mouse a Cookie,*  
by Laura Joffe Numeroff

## Kindergarten



*Frog and Toad Together,*  
by Arnold Lobel

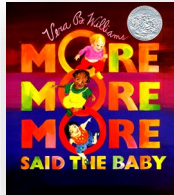
# October 2020

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<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Jumpstart Read for the Record: Oct. 29 ( <a href="http://www.jstart.org/read-for-the-record">www.jstart.org/read-for-the-record</a> ) Check with your partner regarding Family Reading Week (FRW) (Nov. 9—15)			<b>International School Library Month</b>  <b>National Friends of the Library Week:</b> October 18 - 24		1  <i>Start your distributions this month. Be sure to include letter of introduction.</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				Idaho Library Association (ILA) Conference (Virtual event—Oct. 8-9)		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Columbus Day ICfL closed	<i>Estimated arrival of November books</i>			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Jumpstart Read for the Record  	Halloween	31

# Narrative Skills/ Family Reading Week

# November 2020

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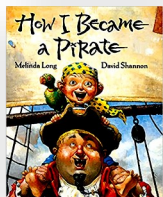
"More, More, More,"  
Said the Baby,  
by Vera Williams

## Preschool



We're Going on a Bear Hunt,  
by Michael J. Rosen

## Kindergarten



How I Became a Pirate,  
by Melinda Long

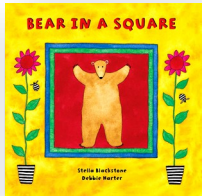
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1  Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3  International Games Week: November 3-9	4	5	6  YALSA Symposium: (Virtual event)	7
8  YALSA Symposium: (Virtual event)	9	10	11 Veteran's Day— ICfL Closed	12	13	14
Idaho Family Reading Week: "Fun & Games!" (Nov 9—15)						
15  Estimated arrival of December books	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  Thanksgiving ICfL Closed	27	28
29	30	Look for Summer Reading Manuals in the mail.	Helpful Hints: Promote your FRW Event(s): Fliers, Bookworm, stickers on children, emails to parents, posters/signs on doors of classroom/center—send something home each week! Ask your partner to help you promote it in newsletters, personal phone calls, robo calls, etc.			Native American Heritage and Picture Book Month



# Letter Knowledge

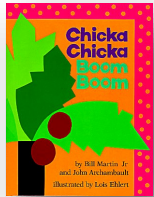
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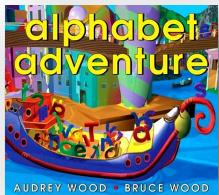
*Bear in a Square,*  
by Stella Blackstone

## Preschool



*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom,*  
by Bill Martin, Jr.

## Kindergarten



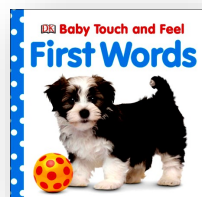
*Alphabet Adventure,*  
by Audrey Wood

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<b>Cultural Celebrations:</b> <b>Las Posadas,</b> Dec. 16—24 (Hispanic) <b>Chanukah,</b> Dec. 10—Dec. 18 (Jewish) <b>Kwanzaa,</b> Dec. 26—Jan. 1 (African-American)		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10  <i>International Human Rights Day</i>	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<i>Estimated arrival of January books</i>						
20	21	22	23	24	25  <i>Christmas Day ICfL Closed</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31	<b>Helpful Hints:</b> This month may be filled with special assemblies, concerts, parties, etc. Check in with your partner regarding distribution dates.	

# Writing/Use of Print

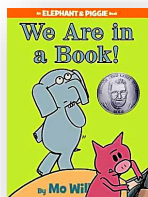
# January 2021

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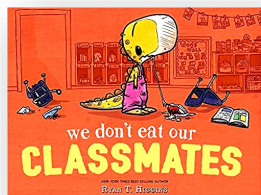
Baby Touch and Feel:  
First Words,  
by Dorling Kindersley (DK)

## Preschool



We Are in a Book,  
by Mo Willems

## Kindergarten



We Don't Eat  
Our Classmates,  
by Ryan T. Higgins

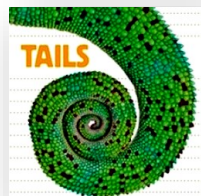
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<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Check in with your CP to see how the program and contingency plans are working. Make any tweaks to help make the second part of the year proceed smoothly.		<b>National Braille Literacy Month</b>  <b>100th Day of School:</b> check local district or with partner organization for exact day		ALA's Youth Media Awards—Date TBD	1  New Year's Day ICfL Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					<i>Estimated arrival of February books</i>	
17	18 MLK, Jr. Day/ Idaho Human Rights Day ICfL Closed	19	20	21	22	23
					American Library Association (ALA)	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31  Midwinter Meeting (Indianapolis, IN)						



## Nonfiction

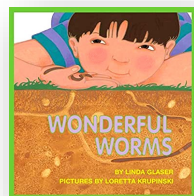
# February 2021

### Birth-2



*Tails,*  
by Katrine Crow

### Preschool



*Wonderful Worms,*  
by Linda Glaser

### Kindergarten



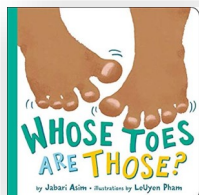
*What if You Had  
Animal Eyes?!*  
by Sandra Markle

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<b>Children's Authors &amp; Illustrators Week:</b> First week of February	1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Chinese New Year - Year of the White Cow/Ox</i>	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>President's Day</i> <i>ICfL closed</i>	16 <i>Estimated arrival of March books</i>	17	18	19	20
21	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	<b>African American History Month</b> <b>International Friendship Month</b>		<b>Helpful Hints:</b> MFB Application for 2021-2022 will be available this month. Print off Community Partner Information handout and give to CP ASAP if you plan to re-apply.  Feb. 15: Deadline to apply for Early Literacy in Action workshops		

# Phonological Awareness

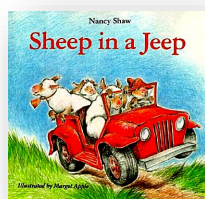
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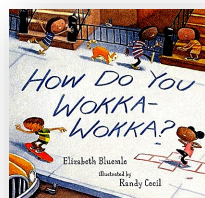
*Whose Toes Are Those?*  
by Jabari Asim

## Preschool



*Sheep in a Jeep,*  
by Nancy Shaw

## Kindergarten



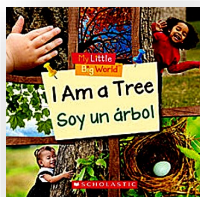
*How Do You Wokka-Wokka?*  
by Elizabeth Bluemle

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<b>Women's History Month</b>	1	2 <i>Dr. Seuss's Birthday/NEA Read Across America Day</i> <a href="http://www.nea.org">www.nea.org</a>	3	4 <i>Idaho Day</i>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	15 <i>Estimated arrival of April books</i>	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Check with your school district and partner for Spring Break dates. <b>MFB applications for next year due 4/20.</b> Please encourage your partner(s) to submit their Community Partner Information form ASAP!		

# Vocabulary/ Earth Day

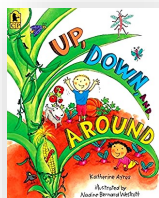
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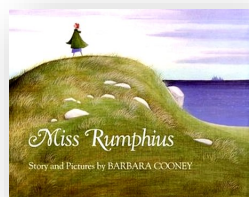
*I Am a Tree/Soy un árbol,*  
by Elodie Pope

## Preschool



*Up, Down, and Around,*  
by Katherine Ayres

## Kindergarten



*Miss Rumphius,*  
by Barbara Cooney

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Meet with your partner to plan how parent surveys will be distributed and collected. If you are applying for MFB again, be sure to include <b>data</b> in your Need Statement. Ex: % of kids who qualify for free/reduced lunch, etc. The strength of your Need Statement is critical to the application.				1	2 <i>International Children's Book Day</i> <a href="http://www.ibby.org">www.ibby.org</a>	3
4  <i>Easter</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10  <i>NAEYC Week of the Young Child: April 10-16</i> ( <a href="http://www.naeyc.org">www.naeyc.org</a> )
11	12 <i>D.E.A.R./ Beverly Cleary's BD</i> <a href="http://www.dropeverythingandread.com">www.dropeverythingandread.com</a>  <i>Ramadan begins</i>	13  <i>National Library Workers Day</i>  <i>Estimated arrival of May books</i>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20  <i>My First Books Applications for 2021-2022 due</i>	21	22  <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30  <i>El día de los niños/libros</i>	<b>National Poetry Month</b> <b>School Library Month</b> <b>National Library Week: April 5-9</b>

# Summer Reading: “Tails and Tales”

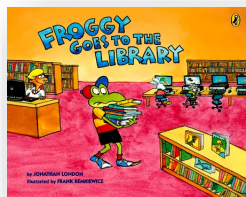
# May 2021

## Birth-2



*Spot Loves Bedtime,*  
by Eric Hill

## Preschool



*Froggy Goes to the Library,*  
by Jonathan London

## Kindergarten



*Library Lion,*  
by Michelle Knudson

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<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Give regular title, <u>plus additional self-selected title this month.</u> Debrief with your partner. Begin promoting summer reading to your partners/MFB parents. Is there a way to collaborate with partner organizations for summer reading?			<b>MFB Final Report/Surveys due June 1</b>  <b>Application Deadline: Outreach to Underserved Children requests, June 15</b>		<b>Asian/Pacific Heritage Month</b>	1  Free Comic Book Day
2  Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-8)	3  Children's Book Week (May 3—9)	4	5  Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8
9  Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23  30	24  31  Memorial Day ICfL Closed	25	26	27	28	29